## SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND HIV SCREENING INTRODUCTION

The Maryland Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program Sexually Transmitted Infection Treatment Guidelines are meant to serve as templates that family planning delegate agencies may use and or adapt as desired for their clinic protocols, client education, consent, forms and other documents. All clients must receive thorough and accurate counseling on STIs including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Evaluation and management of STIs should be offered to both women and men. Clients must be informed of state policies concerning mandatory STI reporting and partner notification requirements.

All delegate agencies must follow the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines (CDC Guidelines) and their local health department and/or Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration reporting requirements. Information on reportable disease is available on the Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration's (IDEHA) website at:

http://ideha.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/what-to-report.aspx

The most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines may be accessed from the CDC's website at:

http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/

The Maryland Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program collaborate with the Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration's Center for Sexually Transmitted Infections in the development of STI screening and treatment guidelines for delegate agency family planning providers.